To the Hon.Wm.L.Distin,)
Surveyor General of the Dis-) APPLICATION FOR SURVEY
trict of Alaska,) AND PATENT.

The Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church,in the United States of America,hereby makes application for Survey and Patent to 233.28 acres,more or less,of Mission ground at Portage Bay,on Lynn Canal, adjacent to the Town of Haines Mission,in the District of Alaska,and to that end respectfully represents:-

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That in the year I880,the said Board,by and through its agents,on the ground,went into actual possession and occupancy of 503.28 acres of vacant,unappropriated,public land of the United States,situate on Portage Bay,on Lynn Canal,adjacent to what is now the Town of Haines Mission,with the object in view of occupying the same as an Indian Mission for secular and religious instruction.

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That since such date the said Board has continously occupied and used said tract for Mission purposes,and has at all times from the year I88I to this time,maintained on said ground School,Church and other suitable buildings,and has conducted schools thereon,by and through its agents and missionaries,for the benefit of the native Indians of Alaska, except that the use and occupancy of about 270 acres of said tract has been interfered with during the year I902,by the United States,in establishing a Military Reservation on said tract of 503.28 acres,so as to include in such Reservation about 270 acres thereof.

That since its occupancy of said ground in I880,it has expended in money about the sum of ten thousand dollars ($I0,000.00) for the construction of buildings and other improvements placed thereon,as follows: In I88I,a building used as Church and School-room; in I883 a large Industrial Boarding-school,made of logs,and later,up to and including I895,

a frame Industrial Boarding-school Building,fifty(50) by eighty(80) feet two stories,with basement and attic; commodious frame Dwelling,for use of the Missionary in charge; frame Barn with silo underneath,and other necessary outbuildings. That of the buildings described above,the first two were destroyed by fire,but the others are still standing,and in use on the ground.

That it has cleared and cultivated about twenty(20) acres of said tract adjacent to the Mission buildings,and has cleared off and prepared for cultivation about five(5) acres in addition,at a point about fifty to eighty rods from said buildings,and now has a post and wire fence ar around the 233.28 acres remaining,except on the part of the lines adjoining the Reservation.

That at times it has owned horses and cattle,and has kept and pastured them on said Mission ground,and intends doing the same thing in the near future. That said Board purposes in the future to clear other areas for agricultural purposes,and will have need of the remaining portion of the tract,all of which is heavily timbered,for firewood,and for timbers and lumber for building fences,and for use in connection with its Industrial School.

That since 1881,It has kept a Missionary in charge of said Mission, and has at all times furnished to the native Indians of Alaska,Schools for secular and religious instruction,and has given them practical lessons in domestic,agricultural and mechanical pursuits.

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That this applicant is not disposed to contest with the United States,its right to said 270 acres,more or less,and hence hereby relinquishes to the United States all claim to right of occupancy,and use of said 270 acres,more or less,so included by the Government in said Military Reservation; but at the same time expressly adheres to its claim of possession,occupancy and right of possession,and right to secure legal title to said remaining 233.28 acres,more or less.

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That an accurate description of said 503.28 acres, originally claimed by this applicant, is as follows, to-wit:-

"Commencing at corner number one(I), which is the North-east corner of said Mission Station, the same being marked by a large granite boulder I2 by I6 ft., 8 ft. above the ground, with a cross chiseled near the center of the top of the rock, and lying on the shore of said Portage Bay, on Lynn Canal, adjacent to the village of Haines Mission, in the District of Alaska, and running thence N.85°,28',W.4640 feet to corner No.2; thence S.4°,46-I/2',W.4362.85 ft. to corner No.3; thence S.85°,28',E.6280 ft. to corner No.4; thence N.4°,32',E.I733.38 ft. N.63°,07',W. I76.25 ft. N.53° corner No.1 07',W.I063.80 ft. N.3I°,46',W.5II.70 ft. N.6°,4I',W.558.I0 ft. N.7°,26',E.300.I0 ft. N.I4°,07',W.385.20 ft and N.5°,56', W.3I6.70 ft. to the place of beginning, containing 503.28 acres."

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That the United States, in I902, made a survey and plat of its said Reservation, including therein 270 acres of Mission ground, as aforesaid, a copy of the plat of said Mission grounds, made on its behalf by Whitworth, United States Deputy Surveyor General in I896, and on file in the Office of the Surveyor General for Alaska, representing the original 503.28 acres occupied by applicant, and the interference caused by said Military Reservation, being hereto annexed, marked Exhibit "A", and made a part hereof.

WHEREFORE, this applicant prays that an official survey and plat be made of the said tract of 233.28 acres, more or less. remaining to it of its Mission grounds at Haines, and that patent therefor issue in accordance with Sec.27 of the Act of Congress, entitled "An Act making further provision for a Civil Government for Alaska, and for other Purposes", approved June 6th. I900.

Dated at Skagway, Alaska, January___A.D.I903.

Board of Home Missions of
the Presbyterian Church, in the
United States of America.

By

S.Hall Young,
Agent for Alaska.

UNITEDnSTATES OF AMERICA)
) SS.
DISTRICT OF ALASKA,)

I, S.Hall Young, on my oath say: That I am the General Agent for Alaska of the Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church, in the United States of America, and that I have read the foregoing application for Survey and patent, and am familiar with the allegations and statements thereof, and that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the same are true.

S.Hall Young,

Subscribed and sworn to before me by S.Hall Young, this ____ day of January, A.D. 1903.

Louis K.Pratt,
Notary Public, for Alaska.